terms conditions stipulated in the approval, the fish landing center was to be completed by the end of March, 1997. The State Government did not commence the construction, instead submitted a revised proposal in June, 2003 with a cost escalation from Rs. 89.53 lakhs to Rs. 225 lakhs. After scrutiny of the proposal, the State has been asked to redraft the Detailed Project Report and to refund the Central share Rs. 10 lakhs earlier released to them togetherwith interest.

Supply of spurious seeds and pesticides

1115. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite good monsoon this year, the farmers in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and areas around suffered a lot due to supply of spurious seeds and pesticides;

(b) if so, the districts mainly affected thereby; and

(c) whether the Central Government had been apprised of the problems of the farmers in time; if so, what aid was given by Government to help the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Assistance for animal husbandry to States

1116. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of funds allocated to States, West Bengal in particular, to promote animal husbandry and dairy during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying during 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 has released Rs. 95.43 crores, Rs. 114.17 crores and Rs. 125.48 crores respectively for the promotion of animal husbandry and dairy in the